

**ABSTRACT**

A copier includes a scanner for obtaining a digital image of a printed document and a printer for producing a copy of the scanned document. The copier is configured to  
5 identify coded data incorporated in the scanned document, the coded data indicating an identity of the scanned document. The printer reproduces the scanned document including second coded data indicative of an identity of the copy of the document. The copier has a network interface for transmitting and receiving the identity data from a server on a network where the identity data is stored.

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